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Finally, ...

On the one hand, ... On the other hand, ...

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Because of ...

That is why ...

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## Additions and Conclusion

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As I already indicated ...

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Look at ...

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Let me give you an example.

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e.g.  
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consequently  
therefore  
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thus

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since  
due to  
that is why

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first  
to start with  
then  
afterthis/  
afterwards  
finally/lasty

## To clarify/explain

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that is to say  
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